

**Riverside Unified School District
Operations Division**

Board Operations Subcommittee Meeting
District Office Conference Room 3 A/B
August 11, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Charles L. Beaty, Mr. Tom Hunt, and Dr. Kirk Lewis

Also present were. Dr. Rick Miller, Mrs. Janet Dixon, Mr. Ken Mueller, Mr. Tony Masi, Mr. Gary Rungo, Ms. Angela Washington, Ms. Kathy Barth, Mr. Dell Roberts, Mr. Jalani Bakari, and Ms. Lizette Delgado (Recorder)

Discussion Items

1. Disposition of Hawthorne I Property

Staff presented information concerning the issues with respect to the potential sale of the property for discussion by the subcommittee. Mrs. Dixon said that the 6.74 acre property was valued in May 2011 at \$800,000. It was noted that the buildings were considered as not usable/applicable for the zoning (commercial) of the property. She added that potential district uses for the site are limited and that due to the safety considerations outlined when closing the site, the site cannot be occupied by students. Mrs. Dixon also stated that the sale of the site would have to go through the process outlined in the Education Code, beginning with the appointment of a District Advisory Committee (7/11 Committee), and that any proceeds from the sale of the site would be restricted to Capital Facilities uses and could not be used for General Fund purposes.

Committee members agreed with the staff recommendation to hold on to the property and to sell it when the real estate market improves.

2. Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee 2010 Annual Report – 8/15/2011 Board Meeting Item

Dr. Lewis stated that the Measure B Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) 2010 Annual Report has been completed and approved by the COC members. He briefly reviewed the report with the subcommittee and added that the report will be presented to the Board of Education by Ms. Gladys Walker, Measure B COC Chairperson, at the regular Board meeting scheduled for next Monday, August 15, 2011.

Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting was tabled to a future meeting.

4. High School Athletic Facilities Projects – Standards for Common Design Elements

Dr. Lewis stated that staff is requesting the subcommittee members' input and guidance regarding a philosophy on what choices should be offered to school administration with regard to the design elements for signage, colors, and logos for the pool and track/field areas. Staff was asking whether there should be standards that would ensure consistency among school projects.

After discussing and reviewing the options presented, Mr. Hunt moved and Dr. Beaty seconded to request that each school develop a customized set of signage/colors/logos for fields and pools for the subcommittee's discussion and approval at a future meeting.

5. Aquatic Facility at Poly High School

The subcommittee discussed whether the facility is to be considered as a district aquatic center similar to our district stadiums or whether it is a school pool. This decision will also have an impact on the signage for the facility.

Members discussed and reviewed the information presented and it was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty to recommend to the Board of Education to designate as district facilities the RUSD Aquatic Center at Poly High School and the RUSD Track Complex at J.W. North High School.

6. Revised Facilities Use Fee Schedule

A revised fee schedule based on current costs and new types of facilities that may be utilized by the public was presented to the subcommittee. Staff asked the subcommittee members to review the changes and to make any adjustments if necessary.

The subcommittee discussed the new fee schedule and it was moved by Mr. Hunt and seconded by Dr. Beaty to approve the revised fee schedule as presented.

The new fee scheduled will be presented for Board of Education approval at the September 6, 2011, meeting.

7. Ramona Interior Landscape Project – Approval of Entry Structure

Subcommittee members received information regarding alternative designs from the architect for their review. Members discussed the information and asked staff to bring more information regarding the entry element at the entry to the school and the shade structure for the Campus Supervisor.

8. Potential CFD Growth Projects at Liberty Elementary School and Frank Augustus Miller Middle School (FAMMS)

Mrs. Dixon informed the subcommittee that the district will likely be able to secure some state funds from the Overcrowded Relief Grant program for the Liberty Elementary School project which consists of replacing old portables with a permanent classroom wing. She stated that the school's projected enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 877 Pre-K to 6th grade students, making it the district's 4th largest elementary school on one of the smallest campuses (6.3 ac.).

Mrs. Dixon shared that the FAMMS project is the “future” classroom wing with a 270 student capacity. She informed the subcommittee that the school’s projected enrollment for 2011-2012 is 958 students, that the current capacity is 1028 students, and that continued growth is anticipated due to new housing and school programs. She added that state funds are unlikely to be immediately available as a match for CFD funds, but that the district will submit an application in the event that funding becomes available in the future.

Mr. Hunt moved and Dr. Beaty seconded to approve staff’s recommendation that these two projects be financed by CFD funds and to present this item for Board approval at the September 6, 2011 meeting.

9. Resolution No. 2011/12-03 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Amending the Facilities Improvement Plan with Respect to North High School

The subcommittee was asked to approve Resolution No. 2011/12-03 – Resolution of the Board of Education of Riverside Unified School District Amending Facilities Improvement Plan with Respect to North High School. The subcommittee members were informed that this amendment is recommended by the Measure B Citizens’ Oversight Committee (COC) in order that Measure B funds may be used to fund elements of the athletic facilities master plan completion project which are not currently defined in the Facilities Improvement Plan.

Dr. Lewis stated that the Board added about \$3 million to the project in February including the \$2.4 million for the Blue Ribbon Task Force. The funding source for this additional funding was Measure B. The items ultimately recommended by the Blue Ribbon Task Force were not adequately described in the Facilities Improvement Plan as determined by the COC. For that reason, the COC has recommended that the Facilities Improvement Plan be amended by the Board of Education to allow the use of Measure B funds for those project elements.

After a brief discussion, Dr. Beaty stated that he agrees that the item needs to move forward and that the resolution needs to be presented to the Board of Education for consideration, but that he did not support the project before nor will he support it now. With that being said, he seconded Mr. Hunt’s motion to present the item to the Board of Education at the September 6, 2011, meeting.

Public Relations

11. Unscheduled Communications

Mr. Dell Roberts, Mr. Jalani Bakari, and Mr. Toni Masi, expressed their comments and concerns regarding the High School Athletic Facilities Projects – Standards for Common Design Elements and the Aquatic Facility at Poly High School items.

Members Comments:

In response to questions from Mr. Hunt and Dr. Beaty, Dr. Lewis and Mrs. Dixon stated that they have met with the Victoria Avenue Forever representative who requested that two additional palm trees be planted at the corner of Victoria and Central at Poly High School.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.